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Testimony to Remedial Alternative Proposal for Johns-  
Manville Site Clean-up

The League of Women Voters is filing this testimony in response to the Feasibility Study compiled by the Johns-Manville Corporation in order to evaluate the ways of resolving the contamination problems at its disposal site in Waukegan, Illinois. It is of the utmost importance that decisions involving waste management, including pollution control and clean-up, pay due regard to the wide-ranging social, economic and environmental consequences.

It is with this in mind that the League of Women Voters strongly supports alternative III as recommended by the U.S.EPA, which would require a soil covering of 24" with a final cover of vegetation.

We also support fencing along the east side of the site as an added protection to prevent anyone from wandering on to the site.

Along with the monitoring of the groundwater to ensure that the level of lead and other contaminants are detected should they increase, we believe there should continue to be periodic monitoring for airborne asbestos. This is the only way to ensure that the recommended remedial action, designed to eliminate the potential danger of airborne particulates, has been achieved.

In conclusion, the League of Women Voters is pleased to see that there is finally some concrete action proposed for the Johns-Manville site clean-up. We will be following the progress of this effort with keen interest.

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